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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

This Statement is filed to summarize a telephonic interview conducted between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on October 15, 2008.

Applicants' undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner on October 15, 2008 to discuss the Office Communication dated October 9, 2008. Specifically, Applicants' attorney informed the Examiner that while the Communication indicates that the excerpt from a Biodegradable Plastics Handbook originally cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 4, 2005 has been considered based on the translation provided on September 22, 2008, the returned PTO-1449 form does not contain the Examiner's initials next to the citation. The

Examiner confirmed that the initials were unintentionally omitted and provided the undersigned with the attached copy of the properly initialed PTO-1449 form.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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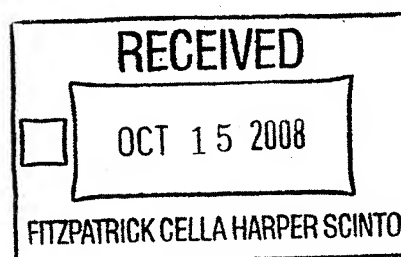
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Per applicant's request IDS cited has been reconsidered due to translation of excerpt from Biodegradable Plastic Handbook presented by Applicant in communication filed on September 22, 2008.

IDS is attached.

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/GM/	JP 63-184762	07/30/88	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
/GM/	Marie-Maud Bear et al., "Preparation of a Bacterial Polyester with Carboxy Groups In Side Chains," 4 Chemistry 289-93 (2001).	
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